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TO ATLANTA, CHICAGO, NEW YORK, KANSAS CITY, BIRMINGHAM, SAN FRANCISCO, JACKSONVILLE, MILWAUKEE, SEATTLE, AND COLUMBIA

PERSONAL ATTENTION SACS

FROM DALLAS (89-43) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

FOLLOWING RADIOGRAM RECEIVED FROM BUREAU TODAY:

ACCORDING TO NEWS ARTICLES, WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S BOOK "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT," ALLEGEDLY DOCUMENTS INCOMPETENCE AND LAXITY AMONG LAW OFFICERS GUARDING PRESIDENT KENNEDY THE DAY HE WAS ASSASSINATED. EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK STATE THAT "FBI MEN WERE TOO BUSY LOOKING FOR PLACES IN THE PARADE" AND "AMONG THOSE NAMED BESIDES FBI AGENTS" ARE SECRET SERVICE MEN AND DALLAS POLICEMEN.

IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE IDENTITIES OF ALL AGENTS WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO DALLAS HEADQUARTERS OR WERE PRESENT AT DALLAS ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THESE AGENTS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED AS TO WHETHER THEY WITNESSED THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE AND IF SO, PERTINENT COMMENTS SHOULD BE OBTAINED. MEMORANDA TO SAC SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY EACH AGENT. IF AGENTS NO LONGER ASSIGNED TO DALLAS OFFICE, SEND TELETYPE TO CURRENT

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OFFICE, INSTRUCTING INTERVIEW BE CONDUCTED AND MEMO PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO YOUR OFFICE. DO NOT CONTACT AGENTS NO LONGER IN SERVICE BUT ADVISE BUREAU OF THEIR PRESENT STATUS AND LOCATION. THE ABOVE SHOULD BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY AND TELETYPE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU SUMMARIZING RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH AGENTS.

FOLLOWING AGENTS TRANSFERRED FROM DALLAS TO OTHER FIELD OFFICES AS FOLLOWS:

JAMES W. SWINFORD, NEW YORK; JAMES P. HOSTY, KANSAS CITY; ROBERT M. BARRETT, BIRMINGHAM; ROBERT J. ANDERSON, SAN FRANCISCO; GARY S. WILSON, JACKSONVILLE; C. RAY HALL, MILWAUKEE; KENNETH C. HOWE, SEATTLE; IVAN D. LEE, COLUMBIA; CARL E. UNDERHILL, ATLANTA.

AGENTS LISTED SUBMIT REQUIRED MEMORANDUM BY AIRMAIL AND POST TONIGHT WITHOUT FAIL.

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